

McKinney-Vento Liaisons TitleCon Pre-Conference

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Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- McKinney-Vento 101
- Homeless Education and Beyond
- Trauma-Informed Care for Homeless Students

Time for Q&A will be provided after each session.



Welcome!

What's your role in your school or district?

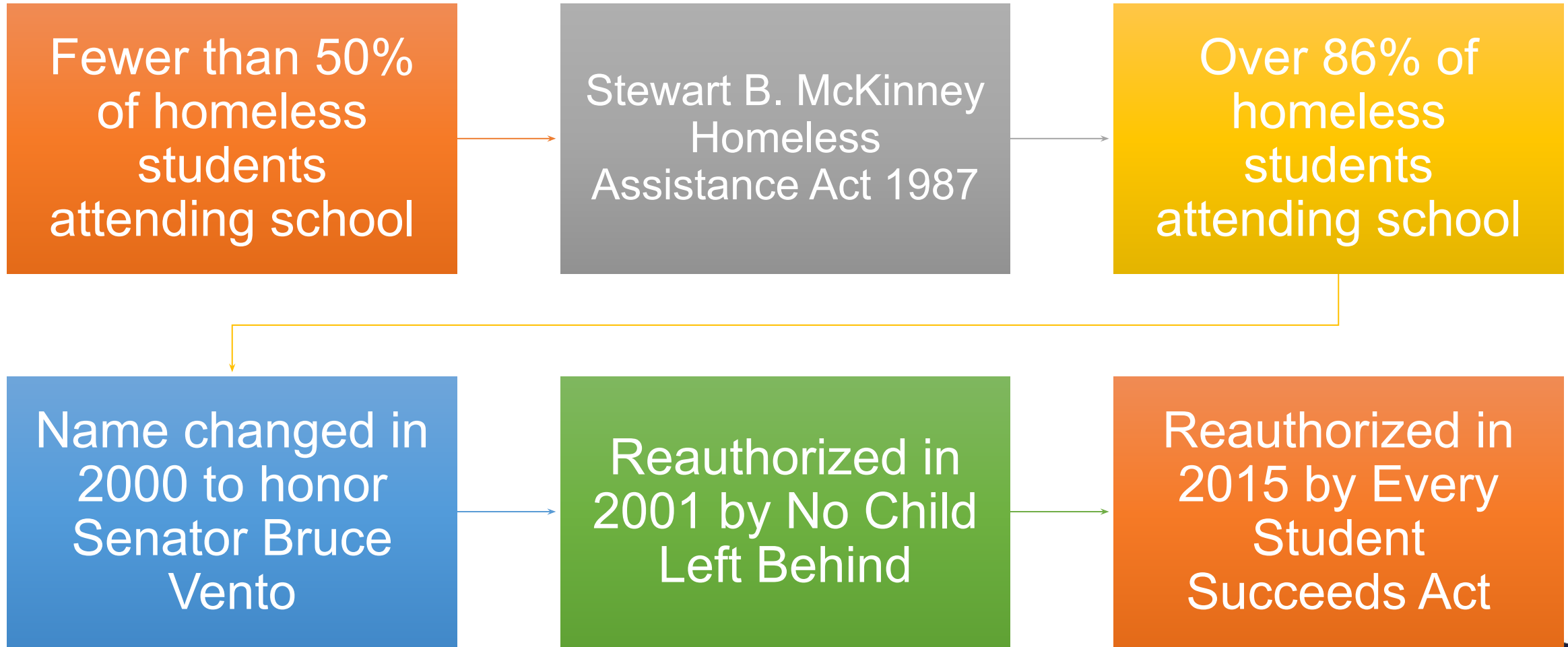
How long have you served as a homeless education liaison?

How do you feel about the role of the liaison?

Let me know! Take the poll at <https://tinyurl.com/MVTitleCon>



McKinney-Vento: A Brief History



Who Is Bound by the McKinney-Vento Act?

***Every** local education agency, regardless of whether or not they receive the McKinney-Vento grant, is held to the requirements of the law.*

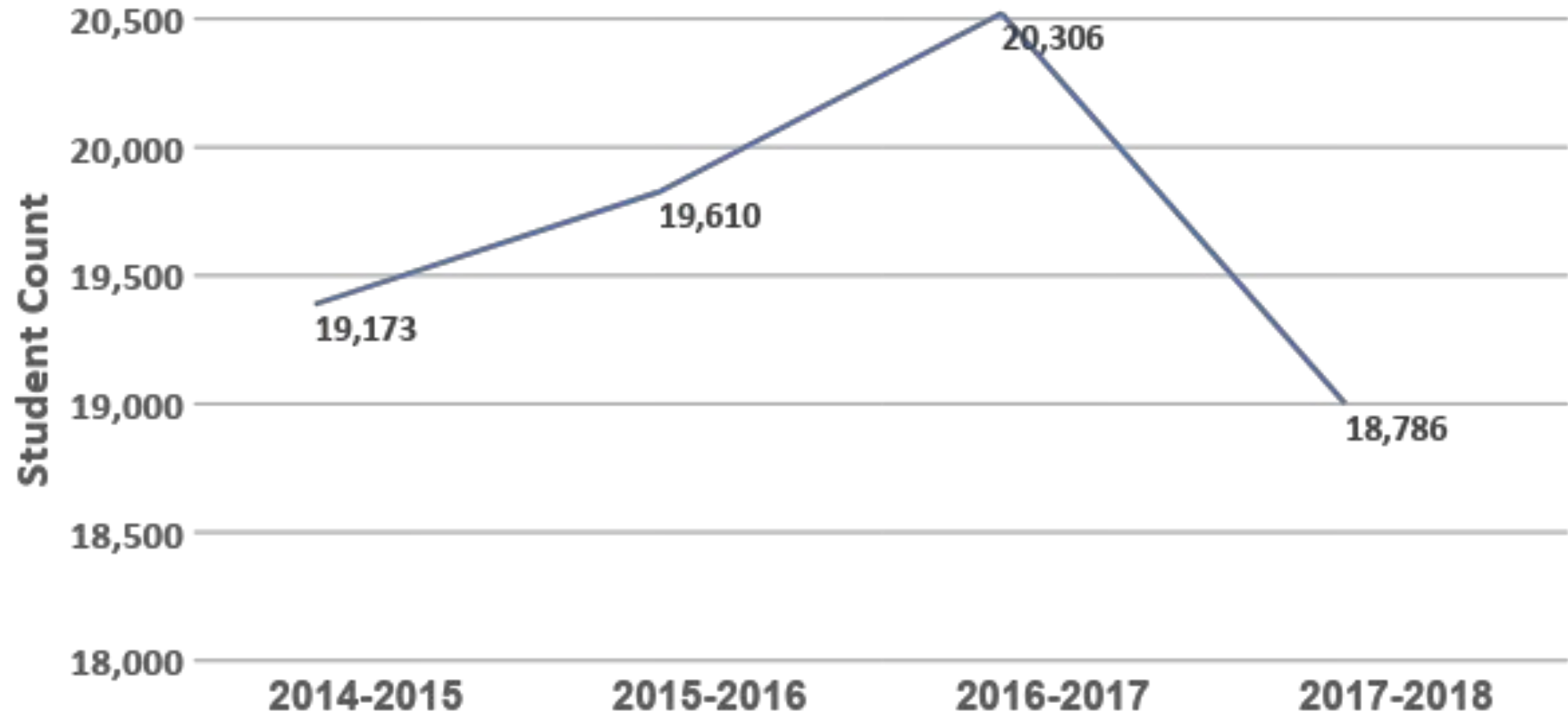


Major Priorities of the McKinney-Vento Act

- Educational access and stability
- Student-centered decision-making
- Parental role in education
- Critical role of the local liaison
- Collaboration across programs and agencies



Homeless Students in Indiana Schools



Defining Homelessness

Reflect and record:

Who are homeless students?

What causes homelessness?

How does homelessness impact students?



Who Are Homeless Students?

The McKinney-Vento Act defines homeless students as those who lack a **fixed**, **regular**, and **adequate** nighttime residence.

This includes students who are:

- Sharing housing due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason (i.e., “doubled up”)
- Living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to lack of alternative housing
- Staying in emergency and transitional shelters
- Abandoned in hospitals



Who Are Homeless Students?

This includes students who are:

- Living in public or private places not designed for humans to live
- Living in cars, parks, or bus or train stations
- Living in abandoned buildings or substandard housing
- Migratory children living in the above situations
- Unaccompanied youth living in the above situations



What Causes Homelessness?



Affordable Housing Shortage



Illness



Natural Disasters



Family Discord



How Does Homelessness Impact Students?

Students experiencing homelessness have significantly higher rates of:

- Emotional, behavioral, and health issues
- Developmental delays
- Grade retention and lower rates of academic success
- Hunger and food insecurity
- Exposure to domestic violence

Additionally, adverse childhood experiences (including homelessness) are linked to future adult homelessness.



Who Are YOUR Homeless Students?

What contexts of homelessness do you see most often?

Have you seen changes in these contexts over time?

What are the unique challenges of identifying students in different contexts of homelessness?



How Do I Know If a “Doubled Up” Family Is Eligible?

- Why is the family living together? Crisis or mutual benefit?
- How permanent is the housing meant to be?
- Is the living arrangement fixed, regular, and adequate?
- Where would the student be if not here?
- Can the student come and go as needed?



Resource Walk-Through



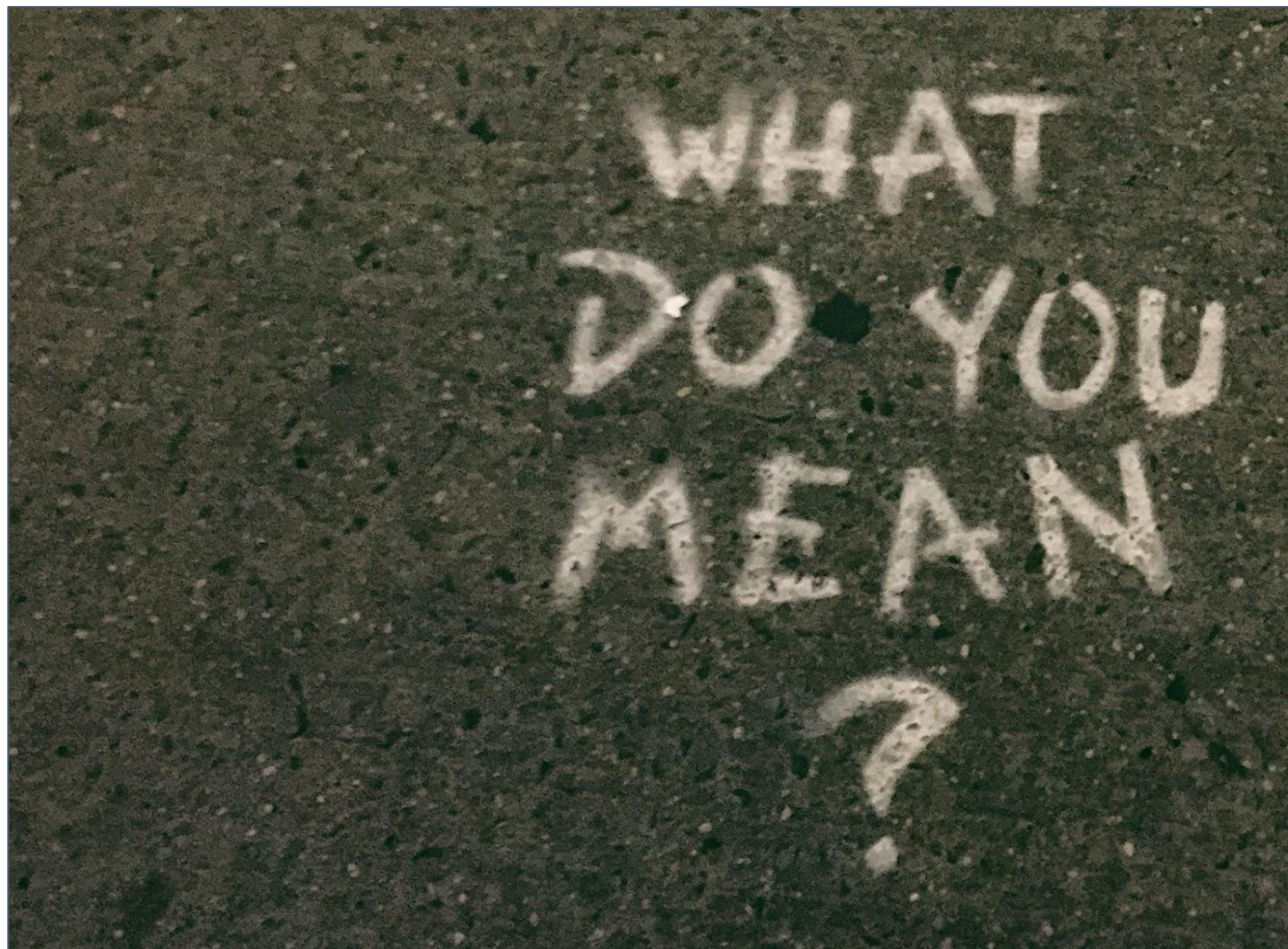
Resource Scavenger Hunt

With a partner, search for at least one example of the following:

- Resources for educators to help homeless students transition to college.
- Scholarship opportunities for homeless youth.
- State-specific data on homeless student demographics and enrollment
- Information on transportation laws impacting homeless students in Indiana
- Parent brochures and posters promoting program awareness
- Opportunities for professional learning outside of Indiana



Questions?



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